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## RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 20, 2006

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Official action mailed June 20, 2006. The Official action set forth a three-month period for response, making this response due on or before September 20, 2006.

Specification amendments begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.